

**MINUTES OF THE
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Members Present

Bob Davis, Chair
Bob Mays
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Mark Taylor
Vic Nussbaum

Staff Present

Dale Wyrick
Nancy Lindemeyer
Jason Jernigan

The Waste Management and Recycling Task Force met on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 3:05 p.m.

Chair Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair Davis informed the Task Force that Mr. Lewis has resigned his position on the Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Task Force. Mr. Lewis hopes to submit a document the first week of October containing the research and suggested course of action that he has assimilated to date.

Chair Davis stated that he was notified that the City Manager's office plans to hold a special work session in October for the Task Force to present their final report to City Council. Mr. Wyrick will notify the Task Force when a date has been determined.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

Mr. Davies moved to approve the absence of Ms. Best, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 MINUTES:

Mr. Nussbaum moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Task Force voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

WHITE PAPER REGARDING STANDING WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD:

Mr. Mays distributed a draft position paper regarding the formation of a Waste Strategies Commission to work with the City of Greensboro on all aspects of waste disposal. The Commission would serve as a sounding board for City staff and City Council members providing public input, research, and strategic planning on waste management issues. Mr. Mays reviewed details of the proposed Commission that included its structure, strengths and weaknesses, and opportunities. He asked members to review the paper and provide their input. He proposed that at the next meeting members decide as a group if a recommendation is to be made to City Council for the formation of a Waste Strategies Commission.

Task Force members asked Mr. Wyrick to review the draft position paper and give feedback. In addition, they felt it would be a good idea to receive early feedback from the City Manager's office relative to the viability of the proposed Commission.

Mr. Nussbaum suggested having a dialogue with the Guilford County legislative contingent in Raleigh to learn what new regulations in air and water are being proposed at the State level.

Mr. Taylor acknowledged the time constraint involved in finalizing the draft position paper for presentation to Council. He felt that a realistic goal, if the majority of members were in agreement, would be to determine the best way to define the concept of a Waste Strategies Commission as a short-worded recommendation that could be presented to Council.

Mr. Davies suggested that the recommendation could be part of the Task Force's final presentation to City Council.

Ms. Brandon expressed concern that City Council might put aside the concept if sufficient details were not provided to them.

Mr. Wyrick stated that he informed the City Manager of the change from a Waste-to-Energy Request for Proposals (RFP) to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). In addition, he indicated the importance of having a discussion on the landfill gas project at the work session with City Council for their comments.

Members discussed the timetable leading up to their final presentation to City Council. Following discussion, it was decided to hold a work session at the October 2nd meeting and reconvene on October 16th to conduct a run-through of the presentation.

Mr. Taylor offered to work on the structure of the presentation with the help of Mr. Davies.

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

STAFF UPDATE:

Mr. Wyrick informed members that he has been contacted by a waste-to-energy company in St. Paul, Minnesota that processes over one hundred (100) tons a day. The company has asked to come and speak to the Task Force. Following discussion, members agreed that there was a time constraint and it was not a good idea to bring in vendors with a biased sales pitch as it would conflict with the objectivity of the Task Force. They agreed that education was always a positive thing and it was suggested that a webinar format be offered in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mays moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Taylor. There being no further discussions before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davis, Chair

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